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23 July 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs

FROM : Acting Chief, FBIS

SUBJECT : Letter of Information

GENERAL1. Cuban Propaganda Analysis:

a. Analysis of Cuban propaganda was begun with a Special Memorandum tracing the manner in which the promises and assurances of the early days of Castro's regime have given way progressively to admissions of difficulties, deficiencies, and retrenchments. Fifty copies were supplied to the DD/P requesting office. []

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b. To enable FBIS to meet the requirement levied on it for regular analysis of Cuban propaganda, authorization was granted for the addition of two analysts and one research assistant to the T/O of the Radio Propaganda Branch for the duration of this activity. It is anticipated that analysis of Havana media will begin appearing regularly in branch publications by September. []

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c. To meet interim requirements for reporting on Cuba, a roundup of recent Havana propaganda up to and including the 26 July celebration is being prepared by East Coast Bureau for issuance at the beginning of August. ECB has also been supplying OCI with weekly roundups of Cuban incitement propaganda. []

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2. Special Service for the White House: Foreign radio and press reaction to the President's visit to Mexico was reviewed in a Special Memorandum for the President, with advance copies for the DCI, DDCI, and DD/I. The report was subsequently reissued for general distribution as a World Reaction Series supplement to the Daily Report. []

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3. Special Service for the Director: A Special Memorandum for the Director analyzed Soviet propaganda on the U. S. underground nuclear tests in Nevada, the Christmas Island test series, and the planned high-altitude explosions, covering the period since September 1961. At DD/I request, a review of foreign radio and press reaction to U. S. high-altitude testing was subsequently given general distribution as a World Reaction Series supplement to the Daily Report. []

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50X14. Taiwan Strait Crisis:

a. Peking propaganda on Taiwan and the offshore islands since April 1962 was analyzed in a Special Memorandum for the Department of State, with copies

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for the OCI representative on the Watch Committee and for the National Indications Center. The memorandum compared current Peking propaganda behavior with that of 1958 in the light of reported Chinese Communist troop movements in the mainland coastal area. [redacted] 50X1

b. In response to a subsequent State Department request for a review of more recent Peking propaganda, advance copies of an article on Taiwan prepared for the FBIS SURVEY of 28 June were forwarded to the DD/I and to the Department. Copies were provided to OCI and to NIC. [redacted] 50X1

c. Semiweekly propaganda analysis items on the FBIS Wire have updated the information on CPR propaganda relating to Taiwan, at OCI and NIC request. [redacted] 50X1
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5. Other FBIS Special Services:

a. With the reactivation of the 14-nation Geneva negotiations on Laos, propaganda-analysis cables for the Agency representative with the U. S. delegation were resumed 1 July on a regular Sunday through Friday basis. Field bureau filing of significant texts to Geneva is continuing. [redacted] 50X1

b. Analysis support cables for the Agency representative with the U. S. delegation to the Geneva disarmament conference were resumed 16 July, when the conference reconvened after a one-month recess. Field bureau filing of significant texts continues. [redacted] 50X1

c. Special services performed by RPB's Research Support Section included a listing of major new Soviet claims relating to the USSR's military capability since 1955, for ORR; an index of all Khrushchev letters to foreign heads of state that were publicized in Soviet media since January 1961, for the State Department; and data on the amount and target audiences of Moscow propaganda on the Common Market, for the State Department and the EBC. [redacted] 50X1

6. Radio Propaganda Report: CD. 209, "CPR's Economic Retrenchment Policy Encounters Internal Resistance," was issued on 29 June. [redacted] 50X1

7. Sino-Soviet Task Force: Two members of the RPB staff attended a special two-day session of the Agency Sino-Soviet Task Force, convened to discuss a status report on Sino-Soviet relations. [redacted] 50X1

8. Liaison: Bureaus are reminded that the flag COPY TO LIAISON should appear on all wirefiled items which mention the presence of or statements by American citizens in Sino-Soviet bloc countries. This flag should also appear on all significant mentions of or comment on U. S. Senators or Congressmen. The flag should not, however, be normally placed on items which make routine mentions or criticism of high government officials or military leaders. [redacted] 50X1

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9. Africa, Bureau: Two vertical antennas installed on the Operations Building roof and fed through coaxial cables to the antenna console give omnidirectional radio coverage on the shortwave bands. The final electronic installation work on the cruising room has been completed with six antenna outlets now available for the four receivers. []

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10. East Coast Bureau: Following receipt of specially prepared Dictaphone magnetic recording belts with "electro-welded" seams, comparison tests were made with magnetic belts with taped butt splices. The special belts were found to have a significant "thump" where the sound track passed over the weld and were not as satisfactory as the standard Dictaphone magnetic belts. []

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11. VHF Radio Receivers: The Mediterranean, Okinawa and Hokkaido Bureaus each have a new VHF radio receiver to permit the monitoring of FM radio and the audio portions of television. []

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12. The following FBIS regulatory issuances were disseminated:

<u>Notice No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Date</u>
62-11	Travel to and from Overseas Bureaus	7 June 1962
62-12	Net Fitness Report Form	8 June 1962
62-13	Chief, Liaison & Requirements Staff, FBIS	25 June 1962

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

1. General: There has been a growing tendency to use the FYI message in lieu of the regular format (excerpts, summary, editorial report, etc.) or to file lengthy FYI's which introduce the editor's viewpoint and then lapse into summary without indicating transition from indirect discourse to paraphrase. The Daily Report cannot accommodate an FYI as such; for publication it must be converted into an editor's note or an editorial report, though sometimes an attempt is made to preserve an item's primary-source aspect by adapting it for use as excerpts or summary. The FYI when correctly used serves a valuable purpose, but it should not be employed when the interests of compression can be served just as advantageously by excerpts or summary. This is particularly true in the case of bloc material.

2. When the nature of a lengthy telecast feature or on-the-spot radio broadcast makes a descriptive account necessary, it should be handled as an Editorial Report with formal sourceline followed by topical subslug and processing indicator. Speeches noted in the Editorial Report should be processed separately if they are lengthy and merit individual treatment as texts, excerpts, summaries, etc.

3. Editors are cautioned against deleting the place name when excerpting from a datelined item, as this element is often essential to presentation of the item in its proper locale. Briefs prepared from datelined items must reflect the place and time of events being reported.

4. The word "plenary" is an adjective and cannot be used as a noun in place of "plenum." This misuse is encountered primarily in Latin American material.

Okinawa and West Coast Bureaus: The two bureaus are to be commended for their prompt handling of Peking's lengthy "correspondent's report" of 23 June alleging that Chaing Kai-shek was preparing to invade the Chinese mainland with the "support and encouragement of U. S. imperialism." The initial FYI filed by each bureau within minutes of the start of the transmission by NCNA in English at 1400 GMT reached Headquarters within minutes of each other and cleared the FBIS Wire at 1414 GMT, almost six hours before the story was carried by the local press agencies. The 2000-word text, which had been received in full by 1524 GMT, cleared the FBIS Wire at 1515, four and a quarter hours before the first cursory report from the local wire services.

Saigon Bureau: Headquarters appreciates the bureau's rapid handling of Radio Pathet Lao's announcement 11 June that the three Laotian princes had agreed upon the composition of a coalition government. The item, received after an elapsed time of 14 minutes, was put on the FBIS Wire 1 hour 18 minutes ahead of the first report from local wire services.

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Mediterranean Bureau:

1. In view of Daily Report space limitations, lengthy items considered of interest to a limited number of consumers should be cued to determine whether headquarters requires filing under the MIDDLE EAST ONLY flag. Long economic reports would fall in this category.

2. When filing corrections to Middle East Briefs, the name of the country and the Brief heading involved should be supplied to facilitate identification in headquarters.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Financial Status Report: Bureaus are requested not to classify the Financial Status Report.

2. Requisitions: When preparing requisitions for Headquarters, it is requested that Bureaus leave the "Name of Contract Officer" and "Telephone Number" blank.

3. Personnel:

a. New Employees

Assignment

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Editorial Branch

Clark Typist, Support Section
Radio Propaganda Branch

Editor, USSR & EE Section
Editorial Branch

Watch Officer
West Coast Bureau

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b. Reassignments

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Mediterranean Bureau

Watch Officer
East Coast Bureau

Watch Officer
Key West Post

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Editorial Branch

Senior Editor
Okinawa Bureau

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